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# Secrecy Of CIA Rapped

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 — Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C., said today he will support legislation to clarify and protect the right of the public to government information.

In a statement that was directed in part at the "tax supported but unsupervised" operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, Ervin said "the war against secrecy must proceed on every front."

The proposed legislation would amend the administrative procedure act to provide the right of public inspection of records, and to prevent withholding of information by government officials without authority from Congress.

Ervin is chairman of the constitutional rights subcommittee. He declared that the government seems to be plagued by freedom of information problems.

## No Basis

The North Carolina senator said there is no basis "for the awe which the CIA appears to inspire in some part of the very body (the Congress) which created it."

"Considering the large appropriations expended each year by the CIA, the taxpayers supporting this agency are entitled to that diligent exercise of legislative oversight which is the proper function of Congress," Ervin declared.

He cited other constitutional rights problems related to freedom of information, such as the right to counsel, the right to confrontation and cross-examination in proceedings of government agencies, the right of government employees to petition Congress, and the right of Congress to acquire information from the executive agencies, that must also be faced.

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